

As a person who travels frequently, and uses satellite radio on those trips, I can tell you how important satellite radio weather and traffic is to consumers. As I travel in the Blue Ridge mountains (where traditional radio signals are unavailable), I can easily turn on my satellite radio and get the weather and traffic for the area I am traveling to. As I hit a large city (Chicago is a recent example), I can turn to my satellite radio and find out local traffic without distracting myself looking for a radio station, in a radio market that I am not familiar with, that has traffic updates. I urge you to reject the NAB's petition 04-160. Traditional broadcast radio has it's place, and I use it often; but satellite radio providers should be allowed to provide the information that we, the consumers, are asking for. Broadcasters must provide information that is in "the public interest". Well, this information is definitely in the public interest.